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PREFACE

During the Second World War the German Signal Intelligence Control Center of the Staff of the Chief of Army Signal Service (HNW, LNA) issued a series of reports to show the USSR military-economic situation as reflected in Russian internal plain language traffic. These reports appeared at short, irregular intervals, usually six per month, for the period October 1942-March 1945. Eighty-three of these reports have been translated and issued by [REDACTED] FOIA b3

It is planned to issue a complete set of translations of the reports, beginning with the most recent and working FOIA b3a
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FOIA b3a eighteen reports, [REDACTED] inclusive. Since the original material was in Russian, an effort has been made when translating the German to determine the original Russian term wherever possible. This is facilitated by the Russian fondness for abbreviations. In these translations into English the probable meaning of the abbreviation will be given in parenthesis the first time it occurs in each report.

31 October 1943

The Soviet Union

Military-Economic Report 9/10

(Based on Domestic Radio Traffic)

Individual Messages

1.) PERSONNEL SITUATION

(1) In accordance with an order of the State Committee for Defense the conscripted labor force at the River Fleet may not leave its place of work until the end of the war.

(2) All offices of the River Fleet should not release their travelling personnel during the winter period; these personnel are to be placed in other assignments within the NKRF.

(3) In the following cities the following number of persons were listed as unemployed by Party authorities (among these persons are included women with children under 8 years):

<u>City</u>	<u>Unemployed Persons</u>	<u>Women</u>
Rostov	11,280	5,279
Taganrog	4,744	1,423
Shakhty	2,266	1,842
Novocherkassk	417	394
Novoshakhtinsk	503	503
Sulin	1,212	1,212
Kamensk	-----	96
Millerovo	1,127	897
Bataisk	301	184
Azov	874	175
Sal'sk	303	303
Morozovsk	401	330

(4) The mining machinery works in Novocherkassk employs 660 persons as follows:

- 229 workers
- 123 apprentices
- 41 engineer-technical personnel
- 107 administrative personnel
- 165 conscripted personnel

(5) Trade School #8 in Saratov will be attached to the River Fleet. All pupils will be turned over to offices of the River Fleet in accordance with their training.

(6) At the "Vulkan" Works #851 of the NK for the Mortar Industry in Leningrad (?) a trade school with a student body of 3,000 pupils will be instituted.

2.) THE FOOD SITUATION

(7) On 10 October the kolkhozes of Krasnodar Kraj completed the harvest. They harvested 1,031,000 hectares of grain, 211,000 hectares of sunflowers, 30,000 hectares of maize, and 4,600 hectares of sugar beets. The kolkhozes and sovkhoses of this kraj delivered 269,000 tons of grain and 21,000 tons of sunflower seeds to the Red Army.

(8) In the northwestern rajons of Leningrad Oblast' there were harvested by 15 October according to the report of the Oblast' Trade Division 117 hectares of grain, 69 hectares of potatoes, 51 hectares of vegetables, 34,525 hectares of meadows. 317 hectares were plowed. 10 hectares were sown with winter grain.

(9) The procurement places of Grain Procurement of Krasnodar Kraj gathered 6,300 tons of wheat and 2,300 tons of barley by 18 October.

(10) In Stavropol Oblast' the following was procured for State Reserves by the end of October:

- 3,300 tons, wheat
- 4,800 tons, barley
- 2,500 tons, miller

in the Krasnodar Kraj:

- 1,700 tons, wheat
- 9,400 tons, barley
- 300 tons, millet
- 200 tons, oats

(11) The NK for Procurement in Rostov reported that in the Oblast' a total of 184,300 tons of grain was procured on 15 October.

(12) The Grain Procurement "South" in Rostov should set aside as mobile reserves:

- 7,400 tons, wheat
- 15,400 tons, barley
- 2,200 tons, oats
- 5,000 tons, millet

(13) In five grain and one barley mill in Rostov the following was ground by

10 October:

1,202 tons, wheat
61 tons, rye
765 tons, barley

produced:

1,520 tons, wheat flour
46 tons, superfine flour
76 tons, rye flour
376 tons, barley flour
478 tons, barley grains

balance:

746 tons, wheat
39 tons, rye
3,428 tons, barley
205 tons, millet
221 tons, maize
71,098 tons, wheat flour
31 tons, superfine flour
27 tons, rye flour
310 tons, barley flour
290 tons, barley grains
48 tons, wheat grains
72 tons, fodder waste
279 tons, un-ground grain

(14) In Taganrog Mill #4 with a daily production capacity of 70 tons of wheat commenced operation in September.

(15) The macaroni factory in Leningrad manufactured 309 tons of macaroni in the first ten days of October.

(16) The Combine "Rostov Coal" in Shakhty received for its employees for several months past only 30 tons of grain monthly instead of the scheduled 160 tons.

(17) By 20 October Combine "Rostov Coal" in Shakhty received for the fourth quarter:

44 tons, plant oil
6 tons, meat or fish
4 tons, sugar
10 tons, grain (grits)

(18) The kolkhozes of Krasnodar Kraj procured by 10 October:

- 135 tons, tomatoes
- 56 tons, cabbage
- 300 tons, cucumbers
- 20 tons, red turnips
- 29 tons, black turnips
- 62 tons, onions
- 116 tons, preserved vegetables

(19) Leningrad had to procure according to plan:

- 8,240 tons, potatoes
- 7,020 tons, cabbage
- 3 tons, onions
- 320 tons, other vegetables
- 20 tons, mushrooms

by 20 October were procured:

- 183 tons, potatoes
- 720 tons, cabbage
- 3 tons, onions
- 523 tons, other vegetables
- 26 tons, mushrooms

including canned and stored:

- 157 tons, potatoes
- 578 tons, cabbage
- 313 tons, other vegetables
- 26 tons, mushrooms

(20) The Oblast' Trade for Fruit and Vegetables in Rostov procured by 16 October:

- 86 tons, potatoes
- 586 tons, cabbage
- 1,184 tons, cucumbers
- 1,486 tons, tomatoes
- 163 tons, onions
- 75 tons, black turnips
- 12 tons, red turnips
- 111 tons, other vegetables

(21) The Oblast' Trade Division in Rostov was authorized the following for community feeding in Rostov Oblast': 5,100 tons potatoes; 5,900 tons vegetables.

(22) The "Gorkij" Shipyard in Gorkij Rajon urgently requires for winter needs 130 tons of potatoes.

(23) The Combine "Rostov Coal" in Shakhty salted the following as of 1 October:

- 130 tons, cabbage
- 660 tons, tomatoes
- 210 tons, cucumbers
- 30 tons, other vegetables

(24) The NK for Agriculture in Krasnodar procured on 10 October: 290,000 tons of hay; 369,000 tons of straw. It delivered 118,000 tons hay and 127,000 tons of straw.

(25) Maikop, NK for Agriculture, reports that the hay harvest was completed. They collected 70 tons, which were brought together in hay stacks. The buck-wheat harvest is complete and the millet harvest reached 85%.

(26) The creamery in Rostov has the following production plan for the fourth quarter:

- 70 tons, butter
- 60 tons, cheese
- 1,100 tons, other milk products
- 9 tons, casein
- 20 tons, ice cream
- 10 tons, lean cheese
- 20 tons, whey
- 20 tons, small cheese
- 20 tons, sour milk

(27) The Fat Combine in Leningrad fulfilled 70% of the production plan in the second 10 days of October. It produced 95 tons of sunflower seed oil, 190 tons oil cakes, and 300 tons linseed oil.

(28) In connection with the October competition the Trust of the NK for Meat and Dairy Industry in Rostov has taken over the obligation to produce 100 tons of butter and 100 tons of cheese over the plan.

(29) The following production plans for the fourth quarter were set up for various meat combines:

Meat Combine in Armavir	100 tons, meat
	30 tons, cooked wurst
	5 tons, half-smoked wurst
	5 tons, smoked meat
	20 tons, soup products
	10 tons, black-pudding
	50 tons, boiled meat products
Meat Combine in Krasnodar	600 tons, meat
	20 tons, cooked wurst
	30 tons, half-smoked wurst
	10 tons, soup products
	10 tons, black pudding
	10 tons, jellied meat

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Meat Combine in Rostov	250 tons, meat
	10 tons, cooked wurst
	20 tons, half-smoked wurst
	5 tons, soup products
	10 tons, black pudding
	5 tons, jellied meat
	50 tons, boiled meat products

(30) Because of insufficient provisions, the Meat and Fat Supply in Rostov is in jeopardy. The local Cattle Procurement made available only 15 tons of cattle for the meat combines in the first half of October. The Meat and Dairy Industry in Rostov requests permission to use the allotted reserve stocks of 30 tons of cattle for its own needs to avoid any interruption in supplying the miners.

(31) The Cattle Procurement in Rostov is to make available 900 hogs for the kol-khozes of the liberated rajons.

(32) The following were sent to Rostov Oblast¹ from Dzhanibek, West Kazakhstan, by 10 October:

- 5,290 head of large cattle
- 5,260 head of sheep
- 6,460 head of horses

(33) From 1 October the Oblast¹ Consumer's Cooperative in Rostov is to schedule the following foodstuffs (monthly?) for invalids of the Fatherland's War, who are living in rest homes:

- 2.2 kg. meat or fish
- 0.6 kg. fat
- 0.15 kg. cheese
- 0.5 kg. sugar and sweets
- 1.5 kg. grits

(34) The Azov-Black Sea Fish Industry in Krasnodar is to increase the fish catch to 100 tons per day. Up to the present it had a fish catch of only 70 tons per day.

(35) In September the Salt Industry in Rostov produced 173 tons of salt. The creameries in Rostov received the anticipated salt allotment for the third quarter in full. On 1 October they had a balance of 20 tons.

(36) The Meat Trust in Stalingrad reported the following balances of salt among its offices:

100 tons, Astrakhan
39 tons, Kamyshin
60 tons, Dzhanybek
15 tons, Palasovka
50 tons, Mikhailovka
36 tons, Frolovo
45 tons, Vladimirovka
36 tons, Krasnoarmejsk
45 tons, Elan (?)
426 tons Total

(37) In Krasnodar Kraj 44% of the tobacco fields were cut as of 10 October. By this date 800 tons of tobacco or 13.3% were procured.

(38) Because of the lack of tobacco the tobacco factory in Erevan is idle. The tobacco products ready for shipment can not be shipped because of the lack of cars. Consequently, the tobacco is in danger of spoiling.

REQUIREMENTS

	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(39)	Krasnodar, Grain Procurement	200 tons	Grain	-	For October
(40)	Armavir, Grain Procurement	100 tons	Grain	-	For October
(41)	Rostov, "Krasnyj Aksaj"	6 tons	Grain	-	For the 4th quarter
(42)	Chkalovsk, NKRF	409 tons	Meal	-	For the winter
(43)	Shakhty, "Rostov Coal" Combine	40 tons	Grease	-	For the miners
(44)	Rostov, Meat and Dairy Industry	60 tons	Butter	-	For current supplies
(45)	Rostov, Champagne Factory	10 tons	Oil cakes	Rostov, Rabochij Combine	For fodder
(46)	Stalingrad Meat Trust	15 tons	Soup products	-	For the 4th quarter for supplying the workers
	Stalingrad Meat Trust	0.6 tons	Meat products	-	"

	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(47)	Stalingrad, Construction Directorate	4 tons	Soup products	-	For the 4th quarter for supplying the workers
(48)	Stalingrad Construction Directorate	3 tons	Milk products	-	"
(49)	Rostov, Meat and Dairy Industry	300 tons	Preserves	-	For current supplies
(50)	Rostov, Oblast' Food Industry	90 tons	Sugar	-	For fourth quarter
(51)	Shakhty, "Rostov Coal"	9 tons	Tobacco	CD for Tobacco	---

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(52)	Krasnodar, Distillery	10,000 tons	Grain	Rostov, Directorate of the Oblast' Food Industry	For fourth quarter
(53)	Rostov, Aviation Industry	0.5 tons	Feed grain	Rostov, Grain Procurement	In October
(54)	Krasnodar, Cattle Procurement	25 tons	Feed grain	Krasnodar, Grain Procurement	To feed cattle procured for the liberated oblasti
(55)	Krasnodar, Wood Combine	5 tons	Waste grain	"	In October, for cattle on hand
(56)	Maikop, Wood Combine	3 tons	Waste grain	"	"
(57)	Krasnodar Oblast', NKVD	170 tons	Flour	"	For fourth quarter
(58)	Krasnodar, Wood Directorate	131 tons	Flour	"	---
(59)	Krasnodar, Prison Directorate NKVD	20 tons	Groats	"	For 4th quarter
(60)	Vorkuta, Camp Directorate of the NKVD	4,500 tons	Potatoes and Vegetables	Komi Republic, NK for Trade	---
(61)	Taganrog, Metallurgical Plant "Andreev"	1200 tons	Hay	Rostov, Hay Procurement	In fourth quarter
(62)	Rostov, NK for Heavy Machine Industry	1.3 tons	Vegetable oil	Rostov, Combine "Rabochij"	In fourth quarter
(63)	Rostov, Supply Sales	0.6 tons	Vegetable oil	"	"
(64)	Rostov, Sugar Factory #10	6 tons	Pig's fat	Rostov, Meat and Dairy Sales	"
(65)	Rostov, Meat and Dairy Sales	70 tons	Fat	Engels	---
(66)	Rostov, Cannery	3.5 tons	Fat	Rostov (?), Meat and Dairy Sales	For fourth quarter

(67)	Rostov, Municipal Horse Transport	2 tons	Oil cakes	Rostov, Combine "Rabochij"	---
(68)	Armavir, Meat Combine	200 head	Cattle	Krasnodar, Cattle Procurement	In fourth quarter according to plan
(69)	Molotov, Kama Steamship Agency	150 head	Calves for breeding	---	In October
(70)	Taganrog, Plant "Andreev" Auxiliary Enterprise	150	Cows	Rostov, Sovkhoz Trust	---
		200	Sheep	"	---
		40	Hogs	"	---
(71)	North Caucasus Railway	20 tons	Meat products	Rostov, Sales for Meat and Dairy Products	For fourth quarter
(72)	Rostov, Directorate for Defense Construction	1.5	Meat	Rostov, Meat and Dairy Sales	In October
(73)	Rostov, Cannery	92 tons	Meat	Rostov (?) Meat and Dairy Sales	For fourth quarter
(74)	Ejsk, Cannery	100	Fish	Krasnodar, Azov-Black Sea Fish Sales	For October
(75)	Rostov, Oblast' Food Industry	60	Salt	---	For fourth quarter
(76)	Rostov, Fat Combine "Rabochij"	12	Salt	Rostov, Salt Directorate	---
(77)	Tuapse, Azov-Black Sea Fish Supply	400	Salt	Nizhnij Baskunchak Salt Industry	---
(78)	Rostov, Bread Supply	1 tank car	Syrup	---	For November to make cakes.
(79)	Moscow, CD for Wine	4 r.r. cars	Champagne	Tiflis	---

DELIVERIES

(80)	Stalino Oblast' Grain Procurement	1,587 tons	Grain	Krasnodar, Grain Procurement	By 9 October, no further shipments because of the lack of railroad cars
(81)	---	2873	Grain	Rostov, Oblast' Trade Division	In September
(82)	---	118	Millet	Krasnodar, Grain Procurement "South"	Shipped by 15 Oct.
(83)	Black Sea Fleet	100	Flour	"	In October
(84)	---	4264	Flour	Rostov, Oblast' Trade Division	In September
(85)	Black Sea Fleet	90 15	Groats	"	In September
(86)	Stalingrad, Cattle Procurement	202 head	Groats	Krasnodar, Grain Procurement "South"	In October
(87)	Shakhty, Combine "Rostov Coal"	400 liters	Hogs	Stalingrad Oblast' Sovkhozes	By 1 October
(88)	Stalino, Combine "Stalin Coal"	300	Alcohol	Rostov, Alcohol Trust	In October
			Alcohol	"	"

3. COAL SUPPLY

(89) Taganrog, Harbor Directorate, is to receive 500 tons of coal as a loan from Taganrog, Plant "Instrument".

(90) Shakhty, Coal Supply has the following coal distribution plan for October:

NK for Transportation	135310 tons
NK for Oil	80
Academy of Sciences	400
Economy Directorate of the NK of the Union	600
Presidium of the Supreme Soviet	1680
NK for p. s. m. (?)	850
Moscow, Executive Committee	100 00
NK for Heavy Machine Industry	400
NK for Nonferrous Metals	4100
NK for the Timber Industry	400
NK for the Rubber Industry	3500
NK for the Merchant Fleet	3000
TASS	20
NK for People's Health	1400
RSFSR (Authorities)	1490
State Plan of the Union	100
NK for the Navy	1300
NK for Aviation	4000
NKVD	1280
NK for the Chemical Industry	9240
NK for Armaments	2100
NK for Munitions	800
NK for the Mortar Industry	200
NK for Electric Stations	28800
Ogis (?), Council of People's Commissars	60
Construction of the House of the Soviet	120
NK for Architecture	420
NK for Light Industry	2260

REQUIREMENTS

	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(91)	Mirskaya, Sugar Sovkhoz	12 tons	Pit coal	---	---
(92)	Persyanovka, Institute of the NK for Sovkhozes	500	Pit coal	---	---

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	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(93)	Combine #757, Rzhevka Railway Station	400 tons	Pit coal	Leningrad, Coal Supply	Delivery in October
(94)	Plant #522, Rzhevka Railway Station	150	Pit coal	"	"

	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(95)	Plant #616, Varshavskaya Railway	100 tons	Pit coal	Leningrad, Coal Supply	Delivery in October
(96)	Lipetsk, Tractor Plant	500	Pit coal	Shakhty, Coal Supply	Delivery in October
(97)	Moscow, Plant #30 of the NK for the Aviation Indus- try	800	Pit coal	"	"
(98)	No vocherkassk, Machine Tool Building	50	Pit coal	Voroshilovgrad, Coal Supply	In October
(99)	Rostov/Don, Plant "Email Biryusa"	300	Pit coal	---	"
(100)	Rostov/Don, Chemical Plant	300	Pit coal	Voroshilovgrad, Coal Supply	"
(101)	Rostov/Don, Chemical Plant	100	Pit coal	Rostov/Don, Coal Supply	"
(102)	Rostov/Don, Oblast' Bakeries	1950	Pit coal	Shakhty, Coal Supply	"
(103)	Taganrog, Plant "Krasnyj Kotel- shchik"	400	Pit coal	Stalino, Coal Supply	"
(104)	Chapaevsk, Plant #162 (?)	2800	Pit coal	Shakhty	"
(105)	Rostov/Don, Agriculture Ma- chine Building	80	Anthracite	---	For November
(106)	Rostov/Don, Plant "Krasnyj Aksaj"	80	Anthracite	---	For November
(107)	Rostov/Don, Agri- culture Machine Building	60	Coke	---	"
(108)	Rostov/Don, Plant "Krasnyj Aksaj"	60	Coke	---	"
(109)	Millerovo, Plant "Gavrilov"	15	Coke	Kemerovo, Coke Combine	"

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(110)	Plant #23 of the NK for the Avia- tion Industry	205 tons	Pit coal	Shakhty, Coal Supply	---
(111)	Plant of the NK for Construction	100	Pit coal	"	---
(112)	Armavir, Plant #74 (?)	20	Coke	Shakhty	On 21 October
(113)	Kharkov, Plant #70	20	Coke	Shakhty	On 21 October
(114)	Zestafoni, Iron Foundry	47	Coke	Shakhty	On 21 October
(115)	Taganrog, Plant "Andreev"	38	Coke	Shakhty	On 21 October

4. TRANSPORT SITUATION

(116) A larger number of transport facilities for cattle have broken down in Besenchuk (not located) and at several railway stations in the Azerbajdzhan Republic. Increasing cattle losses have been noted because of the cold weather and the lack of fodder. Evidences of illness have also been noted among the stock-tending personnel.

(117) Armavir, Oil Supply, was to receive 125 tank cars daily from 16 October on. In the period 22-24 October the delivery was not carried out. In order to make up this deficit, the Oil Supply requires a daily delivery of 200 tank cars for the remainder of October.

(118) For Combine "Rostov Coal" the following railroad car delivery norm for October was established:

North Donets Railway	27 cars, daily
North Caucasus Railway	270 cars, daily
Southeast Railway	35 cars, daily
Stalingrad Railway	45 cars, daily

(119) The Stalingrad Railway has not fulfilled the delivery plan, resulting in a deficit of 5656 tons of coal. Therefore, the Stalingrad Railway should supply 75 cars daily for the last seven days of October.

(120) By 21 October Stalingrad Railway furnished only 9 railroad cars for grain transport in Rostov Oblast' instead of the 2147 cars scheduled for October.

(121) The Grain Procurement in Rostov/Don requires 467 cars in November for grain transport.

(122) Plant "Lenin" in Leningrad requires a delivery of 25 box cars for December.

5. CIVIL AIR FLEET

The following units of the Civil Air Fleet were identified for the first time:

	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(123)	18th Independent Flyer Regiment	---	CO, 1st Lt. NESTON
(124)	Stalingrad 87th Guard Flyer's Regiment of Civil Air Fleet	?	---
(125)	Malyavkin Unit, Technical School of Civil Air Fleet	Chardzhou	---

(126) Bases for the Civil Air Fleet were identified for the first time in Ust'-Maya (350 km. southeast of Yakutsk) and Mukhtuya (on the west bank of the central course of the Lena River).

Newly confirmed were:

- (127) Seventh Flyer Regiment (Chankotadze Baku ---
Group
- (128) First Mixed Flyer Squadron Sochi Commander Capt.
SASEPA, Chief of
Staff KULIKOV
Chief, Capt. GVOZDEV (?)
- (129) ARM Aircraft Repair Works 37 Kujbyshev
- (130) The Ukrainian Directorate of the Civil Air Fleet was transferred from Starobelsk to
Kharkov.
- (131) The Flyer's School in Tashkent released at the end of October:
- 27 pilots
355 radio operators
14 mechanics
- (132) On flights from England to the U.S.S.R. a special cipher will be used for radio
messages.
- (133) American Embassy equipment is being transported by the Civil Air Fleet.
- (134) The Turkmen Civil Air Fleet Directorate has to make planes available for an Iranian
expedition.
- (135) Foreign courses are being given at the flight school in Issyk Kul. They are probably
concerned with foreign languages.
- (136) In the fourth quarter aircraft of the Civil Air Fleet are to transport freight from
Gorkij for the People's Commissariats for the Tank Industry, Machine Industry, and Heavy
Industry.
- (137) Malaria has broken out in the Erevan area. Authorities of the Civil Air Fleet are to
make aircraft available for the program to combat the epidemic, probably for the transport
of medicaments.

6. ANNEX TO THE PERSONNEL SITUATION

- (138) A message from Moscow to Leningrad of 31 October had the following text:
- "Urgent, Leningrad, Central Directorate for Special Construction. The Council of
War of the Chief Directorate of New Plans ordered on 14 October 1943 under M/1/1948.
that all members of the class of 1926 be called into the Army by 15 November 1943."